

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:19 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, December 18, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S8049–50.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 137 nominations in the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

MIDDLE EAST POLICY AND STRATEGY

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States policy and strategy in the Middle East, after receiving testimony from Ryan C. Crocker, Princeton University Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs; Eric S. Edelman, Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments; James F. Jeffrey, Washington Institute for Near East Policy; and Stuart E. Jones, The Cohen Group.

COUNTERTERRORISM GUIDANCE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee received a closed briefing on new counterterrorism guidance from Nathan Sales, Coordinator for Counterterrorism, Department of State; and Major General Albert M. Elton II, Deputy Director for Special Operations and Counterterrorism, The Joint Staff, and

Andrew Knaggs, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Special Operations and Counterterrorism, both of the Department of Defense.

NOMINATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Margaret Weichert, of Georgia, to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Andrei Iancu, of California, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and Duane A. Kees, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Arkansas, Stephen R. McAllister, to be United States Attorney for the District of Kansas, Ronald A. Parsons, Jr., to be United States Attorney for the District of South Dakota, Ryan K. Patrick, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Texas, and Michael B. Stuart, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of West Virginia, all of the Department of Justice.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 4642–4660, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 4292, to reform the living will process under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–465).

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Privacy Notification Technical Clarification Act:

The House passed H.R. 2396, to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to update the exception for certain annual notices provided by financial institu-

tions, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 275 yeas to 146 nays, Roll No. 682.

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Rejected the Maxine Waters (CA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 185 yeas to 235 nays, Roll No. 681.

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Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted.

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Agreed to:

Clay amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 115-462) that strikes the term “financial institution” and replaces it with “vehicle financial company” and defines “vehicle financial company”.

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H. Res. 657, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2396) and (H.R. 4015) was agreed to yesterday, December 13th.

Strengthening Oversight of Iran’s Access to Finance Act: The House passed H.R. 4324, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to make certifications with respect to United States and foreign financial institutions’ aircraft-related transactions involving Iran, by a yea-and-nay vote of 252 yeas to 167 nays, Roll No. 684. Consideration began yesterday, December 13th.

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Rejected the Swallwell (CA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 188 yeas to 233 nays, Roll No. 683. Consideration began yesterday, December 13th.

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H. Res. 658, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1638) and (H.R. 4324) was agreed to yesterday, December 13th.

Clerk to Correct Engrossment: Agreed by unanimous consent that, in the engrossment of H.R. 4324, the Clerk be authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, and cross references, and to make other necessary technical and conforming corrections.

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Unanimous Consent Agreement on H.R. 2815: Agreed by unanimous consent to the amendment to H.R. 2815, designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 30 East Somerset Street in Raritan, New Jersey, as the “Sergeant John Basilone Post Office”, offered by Representative Gianforte.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures. Consideration began Tuesday, December 12th.

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1415 West Oak Street, in Kissimmee, Florida, as the “Borinqueneers Post Office Building”: H.R. 4042, to designate the facil-

ity of the United States Postal Service located at 1415 West Oak Street, in Kissimmee, Florida, as the “Borinqueneers Post Office Building”; and

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Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 30 East Somerset Street in Raritan, New Jersey, as the “Sergeant John Basilone Post Office”: H.R. 2815, amended, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 30 East Somerset Street in Raritan, New Jersey, as the “Sergeant John Basilone Post Office”;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 30 East Somerset Street in Raritan, New Jersey, as the ‘Gunnery Sergeant John Basilone Post Office’.”

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Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 5:30 p.m. tomorrow, December 15th and further, when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourns to meet at 12 noon on Monday, December 18th for Morning Hour debate.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H9915-16, H9916, H9916-17, and H9917. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

Committee Meetings

EXAMINING THE OPERATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES (CFIUS)

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade held a hearing entitled “Examining the Operations of the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS)”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2219, the “End Banking for Human Traffickers Act of 2017”; H.R. 2646, the “United States-Jordan Defense Cooperation Extension Act”; H.R. 1997, the “Ukraine Cybersecurity Cooperation Act of 2017”; and H.R. 3851, the “War Crimes Rewards Expansion Act”. H.R. 1997, H.R. 2219, and H.R. 2646 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 3851 was ordered reported, without amendment.